THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FRUIT INDUSTRY

The Country Around Houston Gradually Crowding Out Imported Fruits-Trade Notes.

Office of The Post.

Houseon, Tuesday, January 17. While there is no way in which accurate sures could be arrived at, it is nevertheless that Houston handles approximately ; dillon dollars' worth of fruit a year, a large mount of which is consumed locally.

The present season presents some pecultar enditions. Apples, one of the favorite fruits, are scarce in fact, New York is today buying the Pacific coast States. Thompson & Co. got in today a car of California boxed apples and a car of barreled apples from Den-Not long ago they unloaded two cars, one from Maine and the other from Oregon, showing that the great Middle States, from which apples should be secured, are short.

Of course apples can not be grown in South Texas, but this section is gradually producing fruits which bereuofors we have imported. The rears raised are improving in quality, the Texas peaches are superior in flavor to those grown in California, and the Dickinson strawberry is looked upon as being the finest grown, always commanding the top price in

the Northern markets.

This diversification of crops is leading to the rapid softlement of the country around Houston, and in a few more years cotton in Harris county will be an almost unknown quantity. The land is being subdivided into small rists and is being devoted to vegetables and fruits, all of which find ready sale. The Kaness City. St. Louis and Chicago commission houses who have handled the South Texas products have all made money and now have agents buying up in advance the strawberries, melons and tomatoes raised in the section tributary to Houston.

If the people of Housion could only take a trip over their one country they would be asterlished to see the rapid development being made and the important position already at-

Coffee Review.

Regarding coffee, the New York Journal of Commerce, in its weekly review, says: The market for Brazil grades has shown a steady tone. There has been a moderate amount of activity to the distributing business. Indieathop have been that the country trade has been working on very moderate supplies and latterly there has been a disposition shown to increase holdings to some extent orders to fair-sized lines being received during the week. A quiet but steady market has been venerated for invoices. Jobbits all a rule, have intracted for invoices, Jobbits all a rule, have intracted in another and have not been disposed, to add to their holdings, despite the fact that they were heating a fair trad. There was, however, my pressure to sell coffee—the fact, of the lower grades there was a accretiy of numbers for immediate delivery kno No. 7 on the spot has advanced to select Outs a small volume of business has been transocted on a cost and freight basis, the firm offers lie orived from file and Sauton being on too tird a pasity to admit of trading. West India growths have had only a moderate sale, our errs holding back awaiting developments. There has been housewer, no pressure to self outles, and values have had to a standy basis, closing at Se for fair Cucuis and Sale for good ditu. East India growths have been quiet and yithout change. cations have been that the country trade has

Cauned Goods. Thomas J. Mesban & Co. of Baltimore thus review, the canned goods situation: The beginuing of the new year marks the opening of the season of 1899 on tomatoes for future devery, The buying started in a small way a work ago, and has now reached sufficient proportions to affect the market. The opening prices are a little higher than the lowest pricer made on futures last season, but the pricer made on futures last season, but the difference is offset by the large advance in the prices of the most important materials that enter into the cost of the canned article. For instance, the tin plate trust advanced the price, of the plate for per box at one jump on January 7, after a previous advance of the in December, making the price of thigher within a month. This time last year 175 tin was about 140 per pound, now it is 21c, and tin can oil, used largely by canmakers, has advanced 40 per cent recently. The boxmakers are complaining of the low prices of cases, and advise their customers to make their contracts before prices are advanced. These advances rather upset the calculations of the backers, and they now show a disposition to swait further developments before making additional large sales at present prices. On the other hand, the jobbers are showing more interest in futures, and the Western houses report an active market at all the principal points.

Spot formatoes are stronger at a slight advance, and holders show remarkable faith in higher prices by and by. There was a fall jobling demand during the week for other articles in the list, though the market was not so active as it has been.

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Commission meb find no trouble in disposing of all poultry received, and report the intract bare, with a good demand at full quotations.

Further advances are expected in all stell and wire goods on account of the recent formation of the gusantic trust.

Hor products at, primary markets are firm, and when the plows begin to run a big demand and higher prices are looked for.

There is only a mederate demand for feed-stoffs. However, griets fare steady, with shoice hay and oath in demand.

Good Barreled apples are unobtainable. Such as are received are of poor quality, so far as looks go, but in taste and flavor are passable.

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interior are free, but local demand is slow.

The Washington fruit erop this year is estimated at 44,000,000. Bastern shipments were
largely in excess of previous seasons.

According to reports from San Diego, Cal.,
the honey outlook for the coming year is
bright. Flants have begun to yield pollen;

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We wish to announce that we are MOVING into our new buildings,

Corner Preston and Louisiana Streets,

(just one block from our old used). We are grateful for the trade we have enjoyed in the past, and trust by fair dealing to meelt a continuance of the latest to see our friends and them through our new latest. Wishing everybody the past was a see of truly.

Advices from Baltimore state that packers of tomatoes are unwilling to make further contracts for 1895 crop on the basis of 675-c felivered New York, owing to the increased cost of tin and the fact that the growers want advance on the price of green fruit over the figures accepted last year. A number of orders at 675-c New York were turned down, he seliers demanding 70c. A few small sales were reported at the latter price, but this was not confirmed.

HOUSTON WHOLESALE PRICES.

Anotations for Round Lots of Staple Communities.

These quotations are revised daily, and their correctness can be relied upon. The prices are those ruling in Houston wholesale markets.

HEAVY STAPLES.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, 14.000
4 25; blasting powder, 51.65 per keg; drop shot, per sack, 51.30; buck, 51.55; ber keg; drop shot, per sack, 51.30; buck, 51.55; BAUON—Extra short clear, in sacks, 63.40; regulars, 51.50; boxed, ice higher; smoked belles, 75.71%; New York salt bellies, 73.6; breakfast bacon, 53.50° leg; BAGOING AND FIES—Less than car lots, from Houston: Bagging, 2-lb, 73.6; 24.-lb, 14.6; Tles, Arrow, 45-lb, 80c.

CANDY—Stick, wrapped, basis 24, 53.474° per lb; species sizes, 19c higher, "UOFFES—Ric and Cordova, 103.60° feet, famey, 11.49111%; peaberry, 11.4c. Roasted coffeet, Arbuckle's Ariosa, basis 100-lb cases, 11.00 delivered; 26-lb cases, 11.70; delivered; Apex, 100-lb cases, 11.40; in 35-lb cases, 40.6c.

FLOUR—Empire Mills, Houston: Davisson's high patent, new wheat, 33.30. Texas Star mills quote Tidal Wave M. 20; Sen Fairy 33.30; Sea Nymph 33.70; Sea Jewel 33.25; Sea Pearl 33.50; rye flour St.80; pumpernickel St.80.

Steetal rat s for shipments to interior points; flour in barrols 15c above cacks; in balf barrols good above barrels. Old wheat Tidal Wave is quoted at 34.15.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Grits, hominy acd HEAVY STAPLES.

quoted at \$4.45. ARINACEOUS GOODS--Grits, hominy and vam ment, ir barrels, \$2.35; pearl meat, in the sacks, \$1.55@1.70 per bbt of four sacks; out out \$2.45. Friends outs \$2.35, Columbia

ata \$2.90.

HAMS—Standard \$654c; plente hams, 64c.

HONEY—In 60-1b cass, extracted, 34-60c;

comb, \$670c; in 12-1b cass, extracted, 54-60c. LARD—Refined tierque, compound, 5c; leaf, 8-9c; 50-1b cans 14c higher than tierces; 10-1b cans 14c higher; 5-1b cans 14c higher; 3-1b cans 14c higher; 3-1b cans 14c higher. MOLASSES—Rebotted, fair, 1694@18c; prime 200711c, choice 20072fc, fancy new crop syrup

110E-Extra fancy head 6564c; choice 50 dec, fair 4165c, fancy imported 61665c. hope-Basis for 7-16; Sisal 84c, Manila SALT-Liverpool coarse \$50,00c, fine 95cf0 11.00, Louisiana coarse 85c, fine 90c, bbla. 18-10c, \$2.25; 60-5a \$2.30, 100-3a \$2.50, 70-4a

28.10s, \$2.25; 60-5s \$2.30, 100-3s \$2.50, 70-4s \$2.45.

SALT FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in 10-1b kits, \$1.00E1.10; half barrels, \$5.50E7.00.

SARDINES—American quarters \$2.50E2.85, hustard, three-quarters, \$2.50; imported Gillette grade, quarters, \$11.50; fancy sprats, quarters, \$6.50.

STARCH—Standard goods, Fearl, in 40-1b boxes, 34c; Royal Gloss, bulk, 34c; Nickel, 100 packages, per box \$2.50; corn starch, 54c per lb, 20 and 40-1b boxes, SUGAR—Quotations are for small lots; special prices given on carlead orders. Standard New York granulated 5.7-16c, outbes and powdered 5.13-16c; Louisians yellow clarified, fancy, 43-65c; choice 43-644; Arbuckle's, in 2-1b and 5-1b packages, 5-3-16c.

PRODUCE.

BEANS—Navy 214634c. Bayou 314c. Ena-ited dried 24cc. pinks 314c. Limas 414c. black even 41c.

BUTTER—Blue Star 22c. dairy 19317c. El-nin creamery 2445324c. Elgin dairy bricks 1614c. oleomargarine, solide 10c. prints 11c. mercial Blue Star 18c. CABBAGE—Per crate, 13.00. St. Louis, in

CARRAGE - For Crack Side of the Children Sec. Wisconsit full cream 1845/1/c; Young America
8146/14c; Western skim 10c; fancy rolls full
reals 18146/14c.
EGGS - Texas, the per dozen.
ONIONS - Children 85c per bushel.
FOTATOES - Colorado and California 80745c.
by Children 185/17c per 10. per bashel sweet potatoes 25c.
POULTENT—Hons, \$2,500,8,00; fryers, \$2,256,200; goldlers, \$1,750,200. Turkeys, hens, \$7,00 %5,00; goldlers, \$0,000,12,00 per denen acting to size and quality. Ducks \$2,500,250. Ucess 44,500,500, full feathered.

DRIED PRUITS AND NUTS. APPLES.—Fancy evaporated, 50-lb boxes \$0,1-lo carrons \$140: choice evaporated, in bulk, 50-lb \$140: fancy sliced, in 50-lb \$200. APRICOTS—120 per lb loose; 1246 in 1-lb

APRICOTS—12c per 1b loose; 124c in 1-ib cartons.
CITRON—In 10-ib boxes, 15c.
PEACHES—Evaporated, unpealed, 10@11c.
RAISINS—California, 3c-crown L. L. boxes, 16. 4, 4 box L. L. raistns 50@55c. 2-crown L. M. raisins, 50-ib boxes, 5c; 8-crown L. M. raisins, 50-ib boxes, 6c.
PRINES—California, 50-60s 9c; 50-70s 7c; 7c-50s 54sc. 80-90s 6c; 90-100s 44@50*sc.
NUTS—Brazil 10c per 1b; filberts, Sicily 11c, Naples 124c; walnuts 11012c; peanuts 50*56c; almends, Taragona 16c per 1b, in sacks; pecans 42.7c; Italian chestnuts 10c per 1b.

CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.
CANNED FRUITS—Apples. 3-th 806850;
pincapples. 2-th, cyclesa and coreless. \$1,500
180; 2-th extra grated \$1,5061.85; 2-th standard
slicet \$1,20; pears. 2-th standard 50c; blackberries. 2-th standard 55c; pie fruits. 2-th, assorted, 70c; peaches. 2-th full weight \$1,15; 2-th
light weight \$1,00; pie peaches. 3-th 85c.
CANNED VEGETABLES—Tountoss. 3-th
full weight \$6690c; 2-th full weight 65670c;
okra and tomatoes. 2-th 50c. Lima beans. 2-th
full weight 866; string beans. 2-th full weight
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CALIFORNIA FRUIT—Extra standard 2½th peaches, lemon cling \$2.10g;2.20; yellow
Crawford \$1.65g;1.85; black cherries \$1.85; apricots \$1.65g;1.70; Bartlett pears \$1.65g;1.70; assorted \$1.45g;1.50; standard 2½-1b peaches, yellow Crawford \$1.50g;1.55; apricots \$1.40g;1.45;
Bartlett pears \$1.45g;1.55.

FRUITS.

AFPLES—Per bbl \$5.0025.50; California \$1.60
per box; famey Oregons \$1.75 per box.

BANANAS—Fer bunch \$1.5021.75, packed;
lorse \$1.0021.75,
COCOANUTS—Per hundred \$4.00.
Lif MONS—\$2.50274.50,
ORANGES—Louisiana \$4.00; California mavels \$7.26; California seedlings \$2.75.

WIRE AND NAILS. Quotations are for less that carload lots; appeals rates on carloads.

BARBED WIRE—Gildden, gal., \$2.50 per 101 lbr.: Waukegan, \$2.50.

WIRE NAILS—Rate \$2.00 per keg; advances, 191, 12d and 16d, 5c; 8d and 9d, 19c; 6d and 7d, 19c; 4d and 5d, 20c; 3d, 45c; 2d, 70c.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Carload lots, f. o. b. cars from millers: dealers charge from store 58 libe more per 100 ibe on bran. 282c per bushel on oats and corn. and lumbe per 100 ibe on hay.

BRAN-71c; corn bran. 67 ac per 100 ibs.

CHOPPED CORN-78c per 100 ibs.

CORN-78c, J. sacked, 60 fette per bushel.

OATS-Texas 319 36c per bu.

WHEAT-SHORTS-85c per 100 ibs.

WHEAT-SCREENINGS-70 ff8c per bu.

HAY-Airaifs 312.00 fets by per ton; tumothy \$12.56.615.30; South Texas prairie hay \$5.000 \$5.00; North Texas \$9.00010.80. GRAIN AND HAY.

SUGAR.

New York, January 17.—Sugar—Raw stoady:
fair refloing 2 12-16; centrifugal, 36 test, 4%;
molasses sugar 1 9-16; refloined barely steady.
New Orleans, January 17.—Sugar quiet: open
tettle 27,217-16; open kettle centrifugal 3 8-16
65; centrifugal, no granulated nor whites in
first hands; yellows 24,24%; seconds 24,44
315-16. Molasses quiet; open kettle 17,213;

Bt. Louis, January 17.—Butter lower; creams by 156 N; dairy 126 16. Eggs steady, 15. Chicago, January 17.—Butter easy; creamery 456 1815; dairy 11917. Checago steady and unhanged. Eggs dull: fresh 1756 16. hannas Chiy, January 17.—Butter steady; to reamory 176 16; dairy 15. Eggs steady; to by a supply only mederate and sold readily;

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Reports as to the Russian Exports Misled the Speculators.

EXPORTS HEAVIER THAN WERE EXPECTED

The Prevalence of a Snow Storn Had Little Effect-Course Grains Closed at a Decline.

Chicago, January 17 .- A blunder yesterday in reporting the Russian exports for the week at nearly a million bushels less than they ounted to caused a decided slump in when today, and May crosed with a loss of Sagric. orn left off the lower, and outs declined hat c. Pork is down 1215c and lard and ribs 5c ouch.

The foundation upon which vesterday's firm ess was built cave way in the spot where it and seemed most secure, and wheat started ery weak. It was discovered last night after he close that Russia, instead of having ship-

very weak. It was discovered last night after the close that Russia, instead of having shipped only 240,000 bushels of wheat last week, as reported, had sent out 1,024,000 bushels. There was a heavy snow storm prevailing here, and, as the same conditions were reported to exist in the winter wheat sections, the sentiment of traders was very bearish.

May opened '20 lower at 10%,170%, but shorts seid very sparingly on account of buying against put privileges. There was no special leature in the early information to encourage any extending the privilege and as outside orders were scarce the market ruled dull and heavy and May slipped off to 70½. Receipts here numbered 146 cars. Liverpool showed \(\frac{1}{2} \) decline and sent further optimistic reports of Argentine wheat prospects. London ais 7 reported the Argentine wheat yielding better than expected. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 663,000 bushels, which, although a liberal amount, was not heavy enough to cause buying.

The market ruled heavy throughout and May sagged to 70½, where some buying for long secount caused a feeble raily to 70½, but as soon as the buying subsided May weakened again to 70%, where it closed.

Lower cables and large receipts weakened corn. Commission houses were moderate buyings on the decline, which helped to check any insortant breaks. Receipts were 650 cars.

Outs met with rather influential selling by brokers, and this, together with the decline in other grains, carried prices off.

Lever prices for hogs at the yards and the start. Commission houses sold freely and prices declined rapidly until heavy buying of ribe steadled the market and a slight reaction see in.

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The leading futures ranged as follows:
Wired, No. 2 - Oben, High, Low. January ... 3415 2415 May 755 2515 July ... 3714 3714 May 27% 27% 27% 28% January 5.52ta 5.52ta 5.50 May 6.75 5.75 6.70

 Whisky—Per gasion, 1.27.
 Articles—In Receipts.

 Ficur, barrels
 23,000

 Wheat, bushels
 115,000

 Corn, bushels
 658,000

 Oats, bushels
 315,500

 Hye, bushels
 12,700

 Barley, bushels
 97,000

St. Louis Grain and Provisions. St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

St. Louis, January 17.—Flour unchanged. Wheat lower: No. 2 red, cash, elevator 73 bid, track 73½674; January 73½; May 74½ awked, July 67½; No. 2 hard 65. Corn steady, No. 2 cush 35½; January 35½, May 25½ aeked. Oats lower; No. 2 cash 25½; track 25½; January 25½; May 25½ aeked. Oats lower; No. 2 cash 25½; track 25½; January 25½; May 25½ aeked. Oats lower; No. 2 cash 25½; track 25½; January 35½. May 25½ aeked. Oats lower; No. 2 cash 25½; track 25½; January 35½. May 25½ aeked. Oats lower; No. 2 cash 25½; track 25½; Souga. Option track. Flax seed lower, Lil. Prime timothy seed nominal. Corn meal 1.755%1.80.

Bran easy. Hay steady; timothy \$0.0079.00; prairie 7.5078.00. Whick steady 1.27. Cotton tres and bagging unchanged. Pork weak; stundard meas Jobbins. old 9.00; new 9.75. Lard nominal; prime steam 5.0076.30; choice 5.37½. Dry salt meats—Boxed shoulders 4.25; extra short clear 4.30; ribs 4.5%; shorte 5.00. Lard corn—Hexed shoulders 5.00; extra short clear 5.37½; ribs 5.50; shorte 5.75.

Articles—Receipts. Shipments. Flour, barrels 3.000 2.000

Corn, bushels 7.000 2.000 25.000

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Grain and Proylsions Elsewhere.

LIVE STOCK.

350 Medium calves 35 Spep 5% Choice intition 3 Spep 5% Tun cerpfer logs (solid)— \$6 20 mg 40 Ketai \$150 Mosted hogs 25% 5 Trade dull on all classes of cattle. Pair demand for packer hogs. GALVESTON.

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Hogs—Market fairly animated; demand for packers, good but slow; prices averaged so lower; fair to choice packing 3.5093.75; mixed 2 4563.65; butchers 3.4593.70; lights 3.409 3.55; plus 3.0093.55.

Sheep steady; bambs 10c lower; poor to choice sheep 2.5094.10; yearlings 4.1094.89; lambs 4.5094.50.

Receipts—Cattle 3500, hogs 36,000, sheep 15,-000.

KANSAS CITY. KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, January 17.—Cattle—Receipts 1349 natives and 740 Texans: steady to 10c higher; choice native steers 5.2025.89; medium 4.6025.29; Hight weights 4.5025.59; medium 4.6025.29; Hight weights 4.5025.10; stockers: and feeders 3.5024.59; butcher cows and helfers 3.8024.75; Western steers 2.5025.30; Texans 2.1022.77, Hogs-Receipts 20.770; 540 % lower: heavies 3.5025.75; mixed 3.4523.40; lights 5.2023.45; pigs 3.1023.25. Sheep-teceipts 4670; good general demand; stendy to a shede higher; lambs 4.5025.10; muttons 2.5029 4.20; feeding lambs 3.2523.80; feeding sheep 3.0023.60; stockers 2.0023.25.

ST. LOUIS. St. Louis, January 17.—Cattle—Receipts 2006, including 1800 Texans; steady; fair to fancy notive shipping and export ateres 4.56%. Set dressed beef and butcher steers 3.00g5.50; ateres under 1000 nounds 2.00%1.50; rockers and feeders 3.15%1.75; cows and holfers 2.00% 4.50; Texas and lodian steers 3.0694.50; cows and hefers 2.25%2.70, 10gs—Receipts 12,500; 3c lower: pigs and lights 3.45%2.55; packers 3.50%2.55; butchers 3.50%2.70. Sheep—Receipts 12.00%; steady to strong; native muttons 4.00%4.10; culls and bucks 2.75%2.85; lambs 5.00%4.50; fed Texas aboep 3.90.

SHIPMENT FROM CORSICANA SHIPMENT FROM CORSICANA.

Coroleana, Texas, January II.—A train cattle was this morning shipped to Chicas over the Cotton Belt. They were in fine condition and the owners expect a fancy pric Among the lot were five cars for Eden Bros. Chea feedstuffs is the incentive for having the led here instead of West Texas.

SAN ANGELO SALES. Sar Angelo, Texas, January 15.—Another bit cattle deal has been consummated here. Capitain William Turner of Tom Green count has sold to Eugene McKenzie 1600 head catock cattle at \$17 around, Jackson & Rich ardron making the trade. He has also lease his ranch of 20,000 acres to Henry Dearing a private terms, and will visit England.

A GENERAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF SHARES

market was under pressure, but the variations were fractional. Commission houses had many selling orders but after a few minutes the demand more than equalled the supply. Traders sold early then bought, and in the final dealings reversed their position by againseling. Several of the largest houses were openly large buyers in the second hour. When prices cased off in the late dealings, commission house business diminished and the Readings were strong on a story that the large interests in the coult trade purposed bringing about a workable business arrangement between the different coal companies that would conduce to harmony in the trade. People's Gas and Tobacco were conspiguous for strongth, as were also some of the minor succitalties. The closing was weak.

The bond market displayed more animation today with strength prodominant. Total sales \$5,175,000.

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Following are the closing quotations

Private advices to Cargill and Richardson,

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American Tobacco
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New York, January 17.—Money on call steady at 75,95 per cent; last lean 25 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 35,35 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 35,35 per cent. Sterling exphange firmer with actual business in bankers' hills at 4.545,64.55 for demand and at 4.525,64.55 for sixty days poated rates 4.535 and 4.545. Commercial bills 4.31,64.315. Siver certificates 53,65 cols; ber siver 53%. Mexican dollars 47%. Government bonds firmer; State bonds steady; raliroad bonds strong.

New York, Innuary 17.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: On the markets here today there was less business and less enthusiasm than of late. Americans hesitated early on free profit taking, swatting New York prices. At the close of the session prices were dwindling and the finish was only fractionally above the worst.

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Lendon Silver Market.

New York, January 17.—The sliver market has been strong for some days on purchases for London, where they seem rather bare of sut-1/y. It is assumed that the sliver is for Chins. Bar sliver and Mexican dollars rose is today, making ic advance since last Tuesday. Bar allver sold today at 58% and hexican dollars 47%.

COMMERCIAL BRIDEY.

COFFEE.

Statistical Information from the Exchanges of United States and Europe.

NEITHER SIDE ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING

Fluctuations Narrow and Business Restricted-All Spots Unchanged and Little Change in Fatures.

Office of The Post.

Houston, Thursday, January 17. The cotton market today simply steaded itself. Neither side accomplished any results. It was a drawn battle. The buils are campaigning on the theory that the crop has been greatly overestimated and that next season's acreage will be greatly reduced, while the bears contend that a vast amount of inferior cotton is still on hand and that its quality is certain to keep back any advance. At the same time the outsiders who have entered the market are degredly holding on. They do not look for rapid and extreme advances. They bought cotton because it was cheap and for the reason that there is a good spinning demand abroad and they expect better prices in the future.

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Spots all closed unchanged but with better Port receipts were 48,716, against 35,409 last ear and 25,621 in 1895.

Houston expects tomorrow 2300 to against 5628 last year and 6054 in 1895. New Orleans expects 7000 to 8000, against 9657 last year and 6974 in 1895.

B. W. Hunter & Co. say of today's cotton Memphis market; Three to 4 points was the narrow St. range covered by the cotton market today. and the result is a closing advance of 1 to 2 points. Liverpool recovered a slight open-WAS NARROW.

As a Rule the Market Was Strong, but There Was a Sagging Tendency at the Close.

New York, January 17.—The changes in stock quotations for the day were unimportant. The market showed strength most of the day and repeated efforts on the part of bears to depress prices, although assisted by sales of some 50,000 shares of stock for London account, was of little avail, and prices worked upward generally until the last hour, when previous gains of the day were made about noon, the standard shares showing handsome gains. Although there had been such a large volume of seles for London, international sales at this time were above last light's close. At the opening the market was under pressure, but the variations were fractional. Commission houses had.

Cargill & Richardson say of cotton. ing decline and closed \$2.64 better to un-

Cargill & Richardson say of cotton The news in cotton today was almost entirely of a bullish nature, and it is surprising that the markets did not respond. Ar parently there is considerable long cotton for sale on any improvement. New Orleans' receipts fell 2000 bales short of the estimate, sales on the spot in New York to spinner footed over 4000 bales, estimates for tomorrow at Houston and New Orleans were 5000 less than last week. Estimates were made that the semi-weekly tomorrow would show receipts of about 19,000, which is 10,000 bales less than last year. The weather in the valley and the East was bad and reports are coming in that the open cotton will never be picked, as it is pulicy and rotting. Smaller crop estimates are heard on all sides. There was only one thing lacking to advance cotton, and that was the buying power, but this sale on any improvement. New Orleans' re was only one thing lacking to advance cotten, and that was the buying power, but this has been found of late whenever prices showed any tendency to weaken. Liverpool was a liberal seller in New York again today, the buying being scattering and well is a feeling in all markets that a reaction is a feeling in all markets that a reaction is certainly in sight, and, should we see one started in stocks, it will undoubtedly have somewhat of a depressing effect upon cotton. The price is still very low, however, and those now long will be loath to part with their holdings.

The New York Commercial contains the fellowing in its issue of last Saturday: Herman Norden, after a close inspection of the cotton belt, from which he has just returned, says: "Indications point to a crop of 10,750,000 to 11,000,000 bales. The decreased yield will be most marked in the Atlantic States. Texas and Indian Territory will hardly exceed 3.55,000 bales. There is some ungathered cotton in nearly all the cotton growing States. Whether the bulk of it will be picked depends on weather conditions. As to the next erop farmers are very much discouraged, owing to the small returns this season. Had the quality heen a better one, there would be less grumbling, but as it is the quality has been generally lower this season than for several years past and consequently the prices realized have been most disappointing. In many quartars meetings have been called to consider uniform action to reduce the areage. Should prices remain during the planting season at their brevious level there will be undeubtedly some decrease in acreage, as the planters could not get advances to grow a large erop from factors and country merchants."

W. H. Bachelier & Co. of New Orleans yield will be most marked in the Atlantic

W. H. Bacheller & Co. of New Orleans write: According to our advices from the interior very little of the cotton left in the interior very little of the cotton left in the fields will be gathered, and this will amount to considerable in some sections. Winons, Miss., says one-third of the crop is still unpicked, while reports from the Yazoo delta indicate that one-half of the cotton remains ungathered with no labor to pick the balance on account of the extremely bad weather, as labor will not go lato the swamp to pick cotton for the reason that they can only but in about one-third time, this being their experience in December.

On the whole, it is beginning to look as if the light receipts of the last week were caused more by exhaustion than by adverse weather conditions, and with clearing weather it will be seen whether or not this theory is the correct one.

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New York January 17.—The volume of I spenulation in cotten was smaller within a narrow range of fluctuations, the scope of the changes being a matter of 2 points. At the lowest level prices showed a loss of 2 points in one month only; at the best an advance of 1 to 3 points. The long interest continued to have the advantage of favorable accounts from New England and from dry goods markets as to the consumption of cotton mand the sale of cloths, while advices from the leading and totton markets in the South were quite as encouraging as ever regarding the attitude of American spinners and exporters. The market was sleady, 2 points higher to 1 point net lower.

Dry Goods.

New York January II.—There was a quiet matket for all descriptions of cotton goods today Mail orders were also moderate. There has not been any new feature in time situation. The tone continues arrong for nearly all descriptions of both plain and fancy cottons but no further advances in prices are recuried. Print cloths unchanged on the basis of St. for regulars, but allers will not accopt basis for coutracts thereast. Woods goods business is quiet in meas wear, but for dreex goods is gradually improving and prices are steedy.

Today day 7.175 5.675 2.501 1.140 8.512 7.665 114.111 175.492 Bungton Comparative Statement

Butter, Chee Houston Ratirond Receipts.

Herston's gross receipts of cotton by arisus railroads entering the city were Farishia Falifous Central 1.15
Houston and Texas Central 2.25
Houston and Great Northern 2.25
International and Great Northern 2.25
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Houston Harrisburg and San Antonio 15
Houston East and West Texas 2
Guift, Colorado and Santa Fo. 35
San Antonio and Anansas Pass 3.1
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 3.1

F. E. JO Largest Butter and Egg hos

W. H. Bacheller Cotton, Grain, Pr

Low ordinary. 3 11-16 3 11-16 Ordinary. 4 2-18 4 3-18 Good ordinary. 4 11-16 4 11-15 Low middling. 5 1-16 5 1-16 Middling. 6 9-18 5 9-16 Good middling. 6 1-16 6 1-18 Middling fair. 6 7-16 8 7-16 Other Spot Markets.

Quotations for midding at other spot mar-kets, together with the sales:

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Mobile ... Quiet 514 504 508
Savannah ... Quiet 514 514 508 Today, Yes dy. S 314 514 514 514 514 514 514 514 519 519 516 Charleston Wilmington Norfolk Pultimore 1-16

New Orleans Fatures Futures opened strady; at noon quiet: closed quiet. The highest for March was 5.28, low ext 5.25; high for May 5.38, low 5.35. Following are the quotations for all months:

10E 5.20b 5.22b 6.25-26 5.30-33 5.35-36 6.40-42 6.45-46 January
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July
August 5,41-43 5,45-47 5,45-49 5,41-42 5.41-42 5.41-43 New York Futures.

Futures opened quiet; at noon quiet, closed steady, highest for March 5.70, low 5.67; high for August 5.83, low 5.80. Following are the quotations for all months:

.76-77 5.76b 5.90-81

Stock this day. 1.151,284 Stock this day last week 1.227,516

United States Exports. Exports to Great Britain. 67,087 47,328
Exports to France. 13,810 9,528
Exports to continent. 47,750 34,827 31.691

Total four days. 128,657 31,691

Net Receipts at All U. S. Ports.

This This This Last
forward Difference*3,355 *4,507 163,261

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Port of Galveston. January 17.
ARRIVED.
Ss Lady Joicey, Annison, from Sunderland.
Ss Yorubs, Harper, from Las Pasmas. SE Feliciana, James, from Bremen. Se Styria, Mayer, for Trieste via New Or-

leans.
Ss Sydmonton, Tong, for Antwerp via Newport News. Sch Ebenezer, Haggett, Warren, for Port SAILED.

Sa Alagonia, Cunningham, for Havre,
Sa Fortuna, Christopherson, for Antwerp,
Sa Matteawan, Conner, for New York via
Boston.

Vessels in Port. STEAMSHIPS. None.
Aborgeldie
Alamo
Arthur Head Destination. Artion read

Reden Hall

Feliciana

Germania

Horintio

Lacy Joicey

Maria

Misthley Hall

Nordkap

Obma Barry Styria Sefamonten Tomba Maru Yoruba Silips. Phone
Katy
Morrey
BARKS Razetto SCHOONERS. (In distress)
Ebonezer Haggett Philadelphia
John H. Tingue Baitimore

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Up and Cleared for Galvesten.

STEAMSHIPE.

Aiton Hall Liverpool 1: 1
Auseires de Larrinage Liverpool 12:23
Astronomer Liverpool 12:23
Astronomer Passed Dardanelles, 11:23
Castlefield At Kerusch, 11:14
Cynthia Sunderland, 13:24
Dargai Newport 1: 5
Bloridian Colon 1: 8
Giovernor Liverpool 1: 47
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Giovernor Liverpool 2: 41
Liverpool 2: 41
Liverpool 2: 42
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Liverpool 3: 43
Liverpool 3: 45
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Liverpool 5: 45
Liverpool 6: 45

Houston Spot Quotations. Spots closed quiet and unchanged; sales

and Stocks Direct wires to New York and Correspondence solicited. Established 182 E. SIEWERS HIDES AND W 806 Commerce St.,

Correspondence and Cons MALLORY I

NEW YORK AND GALV

For information as to rates of Mose Raphael. Agest, to J. B. Denison, Traffic Manager, J. N. Sawyer & Co., Agests, C. H. Mallory & Co., Nov

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North by rail.
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For Manchester—Ss Samoa
For Liverpool—Ship Merrey, 39,
2421; ss Nethier Hall, 5751; s r
; ss Holywell, 4221; ss Lady join
Lucina, 1817; ss Eden Hall, 707
703.
For France—Ss Vala, 4615 believed, 5873; ss Taumton, 4777. Teni,
For continent—Ss Tasso, 30
Treasury, 2298; es Abergeldie, 71
2032; ss Foliciana, 7554; Scratt
1400; ss Cynthia, 4500; ss Glender, 3421; ss Tamba Maru, 7790. Total
For New York—Malfory Has,
Lone Star Jine, 13,886. Total, 2344.
Total on shipboard, 119,834.

GALVESTON STOCK

On shipboard, not cleared— For Great Britain

GALVESTON GRAIN RE

MONEY AND BANKING Exchange is quoted as follows:
buying, \$1.50 discount; selling, he
Louis and Kansas City, par; he
buying \$1.00 discount; selling, \$5 buying ft.00 discount; selling.

HOUSTON BANK CLEARS
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Calvert, Texas, January 17. ing about 6 o'clock Tim Mitte dead on the sidewalk, where he shortly before. He had been is for two or three weeks, which to be the cause of his destawas about 45 years old and he many years. He had no relative

remedy for female to